

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1820
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MENTALLY ILL PERSONS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have conducted any survey regarding the number of mentally ill persons in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of institutions run by the Union Government which look after such persons, State-wise;
- (d) whether there have been some complaints regarding the plight of the mentally ill in India;
- (e) whether the Supreme Court has also made some directions in this regard;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the reaction of Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

- (a) &(b) While the Government has not conducted any survey regarding the number of mentally ill persons in the country, epidemiological studies have revealed that 1 to 2% of the population has major mental disorders and 5 to 10% suffer from minor mental disorders.
- (c) The Union Government have two mental health care institutions-the Central Institute of Psychiatry in Jharkhand and National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences in Karnataka.
- (d) to (g) The Supreme Court of India took suo moto cognizance on 7.8.2001 of a newsreport on the death of 25 chained inmates in a mental asylum at Ervdi in Tamilnadu. The matter is subjudice.